

# *Environmental Quality*

**Criteria #1:** *Apply online to Adopt-a-Waterbody for you and your students to clean up or learn how to conserve water at home and school.*

- **Adopt-a-Waterbody**
  - Get the whole school involved by presenting this topic at a school assembly
  - See [http://www.adoptawaterbody.utah.gov/project\\_ideas.htm](http://www.adoptawaterbody.utah.gov/project_ideas.htm) for related project ideas
  - Raise money to buy plants that will reduce erosion of sediment into waterbodies
  - Involve parents and the community in this project
- **Water Conservation**
  - Get the whole school involved by presenting this topic at a school assembly
  - Raise money to buy drought resistant plants for your school
  - Make your Water Conservation Campaign topics visible with posters, flyers, etc.
    - Have students make posters in art class
  - Include water conservation topics in your school newsletter

**Criteria #2:** *Have school wide recycling program sponsored by your County.*

- Get the whole school involved by presenting this topic at a school assembly
- Tell students the importance of recycling
  - If each person in the U.S. recycled just 1/10 of their newsprint, we would save the estimated equivalent of about 25 million trees a year. That's a lot of trees!
- Contact [utahrecycles.org](http://utahrecycles.org) and ask them to list your school as a recycling place, so others in the community may know
- Partner with the local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop in recycling
- Order the book *Gumfounded* by Sherry B. Garr from [www.gumfounded.com](http://www.gumfounded.com)
  - Read the book to students as an introduction to talking about garbage and recycling
  - Participate in the activities that can be found on the website
  - Have the students make the Tia's Recycling Club promise  
<http://www.gumfounded.com/games/coloring6.pdf>

**Criteria #3:** *Help improve air quality by taking the ten-week “I Choose Clean Air” pledge.*

- Use the lesson plans listed at [www.cleanair.utah.gov/children.htm](http://www.cleanair.utah.gov/children.htm)
- Invite a scientist from the Department of Environmental Quality to present in the classroom or at a school assembly
- Contact the Department of Environmental Quality to receive a free informational video on air quality (supplies are limited)
- Kick-off or end the pledge with an assembly

**Criteria #4:** *Participate in an energy action program with the National Energy Foundation.*

**Criteria #5:** *Use the Project Learning Tree: Environmental Education Activity Guide.*

**Criteria #6:** *Complete another project, which the Utah Department of Environmental Quality has approved.*

